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FOR SSM

FOR WALLEN FROM ROBERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS

REF: WALLEN LETTER FEBRUARY 6

1. MUCH APPRECIATE REF BACKGROUND ON INSTALLATION AND TESTING  
PLANS FOR TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS. PROPOSED SCHEDULING FOR THERMAL  
IMAGERS APPEARS FINE BUT COULD OVERLAP WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES  
AND SQUEEZE COMOPS TECHNICIANS.

2. WOULD LIKE YOUR ESTIMATED SCHEDULE FOR INSTALLATION OF  
CENTRALIZED READOUT AND GIDDI WEST TV COVERAGE. WHILE LES JACOBS  
DUE HERE FEBRUARY 18, WE ARE UNAWARE HOW LONG READOUT INSTALLATION  
EXPECTED TAKE.

3. WE ASSUME THAT TV INSTALLATION WILL FOLLOW THERMAL IMAGING  
PROJECT. AS WE WILL HAVE TO HOLD OFF PART OF COMOPS TECHNICIANS  
REGULAR WORK DURING READOUT AND THERMAL ACTIVITIES, SUGGES WE  
ALLOW THREE WEEKS CATCH UP AFTER WALLEN DEPARTURE AND THEN  
SCHEDULE TV INSTALLATION FOR MID-APRIL.

4. NOTE THAT UNCLASSIFIED THERMAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT IS TO BE  
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POUCHED FEBRUARY 16. WE WOULD LIKE EARLY CONFIRMATION OF SHIPMENT  
AND REGISTRY DATA IN ORDER TO ALERT STAFF FOR IMMEDIATE PICK UP.  
IF IT DELAYED, SHOULD WE EXPECT CALLENDAR ARRIVAL BE PUSHED BACK  
ACCORDINGLY?

5. SUGGEST THAT MORE TIME MIGHT BE SCHEDULED FOR COMOPERATOR  
BRIEFING. THEY CANNOT ALL BE SEEN ON ONE DAY BECAUSE OF SHIFTS.

GIVEN TWO WEEK EVALUATION PERIOD, ALL OPERATORS WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED. SUGGEST BRIEFINGS BE CONDUCTED OVER SEVERAL DAY PERIOD IN PARALLEL WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES.

6. IF CAN BE ESTIMATED NOW, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ROUGH DESCRIPTION OF EXPECTED CAPABILITIES OF THE THERMAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT.

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